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## Request for Information

- 1. The Applicant(s) and the assignee, if any, are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application:
  - a. A copy of any information relevant to the Symmetrix model(s) 55XX describing interprocessor communication between the service processor and disk adapters. information includes but is not limited to the Symmetrix Model 55XX product manual, P-N200-810-550, rev. F, February 1996 described in Kedem, U.S. Patent No. 6,195,761. rejection in the last Office action was based on Kedem '761 Figure 4. Kedem states that Figure 4 corresponds generally to the Symmetrix model 55XX. Kedem lists a publication date of February 1996 for a product manual describing the Symmetrix model 55XX. This filing date is over two years prior to the Applicants' filing date. Information on this product is therefore necessary to determine whether this product or manuals describing the product qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)-(b). The manual destU.S. Government publication NACSEM 5201 as incorporated by

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reference on pages 3 and 5 of the specification. The information is required to enter in the record the art suggested by the applicant as relevant to this examination. In addition, claim 1 refers to a computer system being resistant to eavesdropping using the classified techniques of NACSEM 5201. A copy of the publication is therefore necessary to determine the scope of the claims and to identify the particular techniques used so as to identify similar products that may be found in the prior art.

- b. A citation and a copy of each publication that any of the Applicants relied upon to develop the disclosed subject matter that describes the Applicants' invention. This requirement includes but is not limited to non-patent literature incorporated by reference into the specification, for example at page 4 line 21 to page 5 line
- 2. For each publication, please provide a concise explanation of the reliance placed upon that publication in the development of the disclosed subject matter. Copies of non-patent literature incorporated by reference need to be included in the file to ensure public access to this information.
- 2. In responding to those requirements that require copies of documents, where the document is a bound text or a single

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article over 50 pages, the requirement may be met by providing copies of those pages that provide the particular subject matter indicated in the requirement, or where such subject matter is not indicated, the subject matter found in the Applicants' disclosure.

- 3. The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the Applicants' first complete communication in responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.
- 4. The Applicants are reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the Applicants do not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete response to the requirement for that item.
- 5. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135, and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period for

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response of **TWO (2) MONTHS**. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Caldwell, whose telephone number is (703) 306-3036. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by phone fail, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An, can be reached at (703) 305-9678. Additionally, the fax numbers for Group 2100 are as follows:

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